THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist/pilgrim centres is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for selected tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year.

(b) and (c) 27 projects with Central component of Rs. 560.07 lakhs have been sanctioned in Bihar including Rajgir and Vaishali during the 1st three years of IX Plan.

Setting up of Information Centre at Shravanabelagola in Karnataka

2687. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any amount during the year 2000-2001 for developing Shravanabelagola in Karnataka as a tourist Centre;

(b) what are the facilities provided for domestic and foreign tourists at Shravanabelagola;

(c) whether there is any Information Centre functioning to promote tourism in Shravanabelagola; and

(d) if not, whether Government have any proposal to set up an Information Cenrtre at Shravanabelagola?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For the benefit of visiting domestic and foreign tourists, a Yatri Niwas has been constructed at Shravanabelagola and two units of public conveniences have been provided there.

(c) Tourist Information Centre has been opened by the State Tourism Department at Shravanabelagola and is functioning at the foothills of Indragiri.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Tourism in Manipur

2688. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for development of tourism in Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for the promotion and development of tourism infrastructure in consultation with them.

(b) In consultation with the State Government of Manipur, Department of Tourism, Government of India has identified 14 projects amounting to Rs. 6.17 crores during 2000-2001 for Central financial assistance which includes schemes like Construction of Budget Accommodation; wayside amenities etc.

(c) Does not arise.

Externally aided projects in Gujarat

2689. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of externally aided irrigation projects in Gujarat;

(b) the names of foreign agencies funding the irrigation projects;

(c) the progress made in completion of these projects;

(d) the deails of the remaining proposed external aided irrigation projects by Gujarat Government; and

(e) the reasons for not clearing all proposed projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) At present one project namely "Installation of Hydroplus Fusegates System on eight ungated schemes" with French assistance of FF (French Francs) 34.74 million is under implementation in Gujarat. As per the information received from Government of Gujarat in September, 2000, fusegates for seven schemes had been carted up to the Dam sites and the fixing up of gates was in progress. Work on installing of fusegates on one more dam was also in progress. An amount of FF 28.98 Million has so far been disbursed under the project till 31st October, 2000.